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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

My family receives internet and phone service through a small, regional competitive provider, Sonic.net. Our service is a much better value to us than anything offered by the other two choices in our area: AT&T or Comcast.

Without Sonic.net, we would be forced to pay higher prices for a reduced level of service. And without access to unbundled network elements, Sonic.net would not exist!

Sonic.net is doing what the two big players, AT&T and Comcast, say can't be done. Sonic.net is building out a fibertothome network that finally gives our region internet connectivity that is on par with what many other nations already have. And this is a proven fact: Sonic.net charges much less for fiber service, and provides much higher speeds than anything offered by AT&T and Comcast.

If the rules are changed to disallow competitive access to unbundled network elements, there are two direct results that we can all count on: My family will be forced to pay significantly more money for significantly inferior service; and the shareholders and executives at AT&T and Comcast will increase their wealth.

We need to protect true competition in the broadband market

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